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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Statistics of plague in California.

Total cases of plague at San Francisco verified bacteriologically to May 9, 121; total cases verified clinically, 38; total deaths, 77. The last case at San Francisco was taken sick January 30 and confirmed by bacteriological examination as plague February 8, 1908. Date of finding of last plague-infected rats, May 5.

The last case at Oakland, Cal., died December 22, 1907. The last plague-infected rats at Oakland were found during the week ended April 11, 1908. The only case at Berkeley, Cal., died September 1, 1907. The only case at Point Richmond, Cal., was taken sick November 27, 1907, and recovered.

Reports from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague-prevention work at San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley, and in Contra Costa County, Cal.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports, May 8 and 9:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Week ended May 9.

Sick inspected	20
Dead inspected	125
Premises inspected	14,951
Houses disinfected	163
Houses destroyed	5
Nuisances abated	2,514
Rats found dead	233
Rats trapped	3,359
Total rats taken	3,592
Rats identified:	
Mus decumanus	2,633
Mus musculus	499
Mus rattus	59
Total	3,191
Bounty rats received	2,111
Rats examined bacteriologically	2,322
Rats infected with bacillus pestis	7
Poisons placed	111,108